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In re application of:

MICHAEL J. TIERNEY et al.

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For: SURGICAL ROBOTIC TOOLS,
DATA ARCHITECTURE, AND
USE

Examiner: M. Priddy

Art Unit: 3732

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98**

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Dear Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are also enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicants would also like to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following related, co-pending application, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A:

Examiner's Initials	Inventor(s)	U.S. Serial Number	Filing Date
MBP	Michael J. Tierney, et al.	09/929,453	August 13, 2001

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Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application and further request the serial number to appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue from the present application.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

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